

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objection to the Declaration in view of the substitute declaration provided herewith and remarks contained herein.

OBJECTION TO DECLARATION

The Examiner objected to the declaration filed on June 30, 2004 because it does not show the name of the legal representative who signed for the deceased inventor (only a signature is present). The Examiner noted Applicant is to submit a substitute declaration that includes the name (in legible text) and signature of the aforementioned legal representative. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants note Silvia Hofmann the daughter and identified legal representative of the deceased inventor Jörg Hofmann signed and dated the declaration filed on June 30, 2004. In response to the Examiner's objection, a substitute declaration that includes Silvia Hofmann's name (in legible text), signature of Silvia Hofmann and date is provided herewith. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the attached substitute Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of objection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the presently outstanding objection. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Supplemental Notice of Allowability and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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